

REMARKS

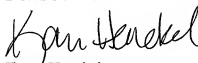
Claims 1-28 are pending. By this amendment, claims 14 and 23 have been canceled, and claims 1, 15-17, 24, and 26-27 have been amended. In the Office Action dated March 17, 2008 the Examiner took the following action: (1) rejected claims 1-5, 7-10, 12, 17-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,786,989 to Douglass ("Douglass"); (2) rejected claims 1-6-,8, 11-12, 17-19 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,818,112 to Weber et al. ("Weber"); (3) rejected claims 1-5, 7-10, 12, 17-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0039075 A1 to Doyle et al ("Doyle"); (4) rejected claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doyle; (5) rejected claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weber; and (6) objected to claims 14-16 and 23-28 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Applicant is amending claims in the present application in order to conform with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. It is understood, however, that the applicant does not agree with the Examiner's rejections based on the cited references, and is amending claims solely for the purpose of expediting the issuance of the allowable subject matter. Applicant therefore reserve the right to include any of the present claims, in non-amended form, in any continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part application. In particular, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 14, which was indicated as allowable in the Office Action dated March 17, 2008. Claims 15 and 16 were amended to depend on claim 1. Independent claim 17 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 23. Claims 24, 26, and 27 have been amended to depend on claim 1.

All of the claims remaining in the application are clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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